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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Trip Report of [REDACTED] to the Tactical  
Air Reconnaissance Command (TARC), Shaw AFB,  
South Carolina, 18-19 July 1968

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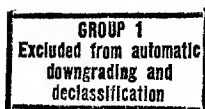
1. Briefing in discussion with personnel at Shaw was, I feel, fruitful and permitted the DIA officer present, [REDACTED], the opportunity to observe the high degree of interest at first hand. [REDACTED] is the Director of Intelligence and was kind enough to invite us to Shaw. He and about ten others unclassified for "T" heard the briefing, and enough interest was generated that [REDACTED] asked if I would mind repeating the briefing to the TARC Commander, General Waltz. This I did, and General Waltz was very interested and made it clear that he wanted to have an early opportunity to evaluate the equipment since Shaw also evaluates films and photographic equipment, particularly processing equipment to be employed by tactical reconnaissance units. [REDACTED] accompanied me on this trip, and it was not until after I had given both briefings that I learned that [REDACTED] was going ahead with some of his own money to build the first Trispin and Pentaspin Machines. In fact, the first Trispin is to be delivered to him for testing in August and the first Pentaspin in late September of this year. Shaw is a primary consumer already of Bimat material, and admitted they would be most eager to employ the Spin System as soon as possible. [REDACTED] of DIA said that he would do everything that he could to encourage NRO to approve minimum funds at least for an unsheltered unit and once the system was proven, we should have no trouble getting a unit sheltered for our own use.

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2. During informal discussions which lasted several hours after the briefings, I learned that one of the assignments TARC has recently been working on is to develop an RF-4C reconnaissance capability for [redacted]. The Project Officer at TARC is Major Fran Engles, and the contact in the Pentagon is Colonel Dick Kane at AFNICAD. It might be wise to eventually coordinate our proposal with Colonel Kane, only after it appears that some positive action will eventually be taken in providing [redacted] with the U-2 capability. The processing and P.I. capability to be provided [redacted] could be made compatible for both programs if we have answers to our questions at an early date.

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